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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/600,366	<b>Applicant(s)</b> STAGNARO, BRENT JOSEPH	
	<b>Examiner</b> William L. Miller	<b>Art Unit</b> 3677	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.  
     4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
     a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
         1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
         2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
         3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)                                   | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. The listing of references in the specification is not a proper information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.98(b) requires a list of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office, and MPEP § 609 A(1) states, "the list may not be incorporated into the specification but must be submitted in a separate paper." Therefore, unless the references have been cited by the examiner on form PTO-892, they have not been considered.

### ***Claim Objections***

2. Claims 1-3 and 5-9 are objected to because of numerous informalities. The examiner suggests the following amendments to overcome the objections:

Claim 1, lines 2-3 – delete “and the like”;

Claim 1, line 6 – delete “or the like” and change second recitation of “the” to --a--;

Claim 1, line 8 – before “face-plate” insert --the-- and before “side” insert --the--

Claim 1, line 13 – before “mail” insert --the-- and delete “and the like”;

Claim 1, line 14 – before “encasement” insert --the--, delete first recitation of “the”, and before “mail” insert --the--;

Claim 2, line 3 – delete “and the like”;

Claim 2, line 8 – delete “or the like” and change second recitation of “the” to --a--;

Claim 2, line 10 – before “side” insert --the--;

Claim 2, line 15 – delete “or the like”;

Claim 2, line 16 – before “mail” insert --the-- and delete “and the like”;

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Claim 2, line 17 – before “encasement” insert --the-- and delete first recitation of “the”;

Claim 2, line 18 – before “mail” insert --the--;

Claim 3, line 2 – delete “and the like”;

Claim 5, line 3 – change “plate” to --of the side plates--;

Claim 5, line 4 – change second recitation of “an” to --the--;

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Claim 5, line 5 – before “plate’s” insert --side-- and before “plates” insert --the--;

Claim 6, line 1 – change “comprising of a” to --wherein the--;

Claim 6, line 2 – change “, rivet, bolt, pin, or related devise” to --is--;

Claim 6, line 4 – delete “said”;

Claim 7, line 3 – delete “and the like”;

Claim 8, line 2 – delete “the”;

Claim 8, line 3 – before “door” insert --a--;

Claim 8, line 4 – before “mail” insert --the--;

Claim 8, line 4 – after “plate” insert --of the receptacle--;

Claim 8, line 5 – before “mail” insert --the--;

Claim 8, line 7 – delete “the” and after “side-plates” insert --of the receptacle--;

Claim 8, line 8 – before “another” insert --one--;

Claim 9, line 3 – change each recitation of “the” to --a--;

Claim 9, line 4 – after “face-plate” insert --of the receptacle-- and change “an” to --the--;

Claim 9, line 5 – delete “the”; and

Claim 9, line 6 – after “plates” insert --of the receptacle-- and after “and” insert --the--.

3. Appropriate correction is required.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

4. Claims 1-9 are allowed.

***Conclusion***

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO-892.

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6. This application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters discussed above. Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213. A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William L. Miller whose telephone number is 703 305 3978. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on 703 306 4115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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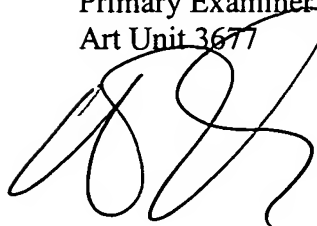
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Primary Examiner

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